

REMARKS

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,911 B1 issued to Miller et al. ("MILLER").

Independent claims 1 & 19 have been amended to recite additional limitations for calculating the cache benefit index. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that MILLER does not disclose or suggest the cache benefit index as recited in claims 1 & 19 and these claims are in condition for allowance. Claims 2-18 & 20-36 are dependent on claims 1 & 19, respectively. Based on the foregoing regarding claims 1 & 19, claims 2-18 & 20-36 should also be in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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